

## Kensington Congress, Minor Tournament September 6-7, 1997,

This was a strange tournament. The disruption caused by the funeral of Diana Princess of Wales affected the schedule and it didn't start until 1pm. Unfortunately, nobody told me, Fred Coombes or any of the other people who turned up early. This game was played in Round 4 on September 7, Board 29.

White: Malcolm Winter

King's Gambit

This guy was graded 128 and had come up from Southend.

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| 1. P-K4  | P-K4 |
| 2. P-KB4 | P-Q3 |
| 3. N-KB3 | PXP  |

This was my idea to transpose to Fischer's Defence; I've been looking at this for a while and was very impressed with it. After this game it's back to the drawing board.

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| 4. B-B4 | B-K2  |
| 5. P-Q4 | P-KN4 |
| 6. P-B3 |       |

Obviously preparing Q-N3.

...B-K3

I thought this move would defuse any potential attack and that I would be able to hold the position with Q-B1 after he exchanged. However, together with my 4th move it nearly cost me the game in double quick time.

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| 7. BXB   | PXB  |
| 8. Q-N3  | Q-B1 |
| 9. P-KR4 |      |

Overlooking the obvious NXP! which tears Black's position wide open. I saw this but just had to hope that he didn't!

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|          | ...P-N5 |
| 10. N-N5 | BXN     |
| 11. PXB  | N-K2    |
| 12. BXP  | o-o     |

A suicidal move, but I got away with it.

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| 13. B-K3 | P-Q4 |
| 14. N-Q2 | PXP  |

So as to occupy B4 or Q4.

15. NXP	N-Q4
16. P-B4	NXB
17. QXN	N-Q2
18. P-N6	R-B4
19. Q-R6	N-B1
20. P-N7	Q-Q2
21. N-B6ch?	

Taking the exchange rather than a piece, not a good idea as things turned out!

	...RXN
22. QXR	QXNP
23. QXQch	KXQfcd
24. o-o-o?	

R-R4! and Black's kingside pawns fall.

	...K-N3
25. KR-K1	R-Q1
26. R-K4	P-KR4
27. P-KN3	R-Q3
28. P-N3	N-R2
29. R-K5	N-N4
30. R(5)-K1	N-B6
31. R-K4	K-B4
32. R-B4ch	K-N4
33. K-B2?	P-R5!
34. K-B3??	P-K4
35. R-B7	PXPch
36. K-N2	P-R6

PXP may be quicker.

37. RXBP	P-R7
38. R-KR1	

Else Black plays N-N8 and the pawn queens.

	...P-Q6
39. K-B1	P-Q7ch
40. K-Q1	

A remarkable position; on move 20 I was ready to resign, now my advanced knight ties down both his rook and his king while threatening to queen two pawns!

	...R-K3
41. R-B5ch	K-B3
42. R-Q5	R-K8ch
43. RXR	PXR=Qch
44. K-B2fcd	Q-Q7ch
45. RXQ	NXR
46. KXN	P-R8=Q
47. K-B3	Q-B6ch

White resigns. I asked him afterwards how on Earth he managed to lose this game. He said that after I made the time control he was shell

shocked, and that this is not the way to play chess. I hadn't the heart to tell him that I was considering losing on time!